Amendments to the Drawings

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Please replace the drawings now on file (16 sheets) by the attached new drawings (1 sheet). The attached new single sheet of drawings corresponds to sheet 13 of the original drawings, a copy of which is attached showing the amendments incorporated in the attached new sheet of drawings

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Correction of Inventorship.

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As a result of the cancellation of the rejected and withdrawn claims, the invention of one of the original inventors, James P. Reed, is no longer being claimed. Applicant requests, therefore, that James P. Reed should be deleted as an inventor, under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.48 (b). The fee for this request accompanies this paper.

Amendments to the Specification

The attached Substitute Specification and amended Drawing have been filed in order to [in the wording of 37 CFR 1.121(e)] "secure substantial correspondence between the (allowed and amended) claims, the remainder of the specification, and the drawings".

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1 and 26, which were rejected, and claims 2-6 and 8-19, which were withdrawn from consideration, have been canceled. Claim 21 (dependent on claim 7) has been amended by replacing "at least 4 pairs of channels" by (at least 3 pairs of channels); basis is for example on page 9, line 7, of the specification as filed. Minor corrections have been made to Claims 22-24.

New claims 27- 35 have been added. These claims contain all the limitations of allowed claim 7, are directed to particular embodiments of the invention broadly claimed in claim 7, and raise no new issues. It is believed, therefore, that they can properly be added, even though the Office Action was a final Office Action.

New Claim 27, which is dependent on claim 7, requires that the distance between the support members is 0.25 to 2.5 inch; basis is for example on page 15, lines 11-14, of the specification as filed.

- New claim 28 is an independent claim which repeats the wording of allowed claim 7 and has the following additional limitations:--
 - (1) the upper surface of the pedestal base defines at least 3 pairs of open channels (basis is for example on page 9, lines 7-8, of the specification as filed);
 - (2) a straight support member is slidably fitted into each of the pairs of channels and the support members are equally spaced from each other (basis is for example on page 9, lines 15-18, of the specification as filed);
 - (3) each of the support members has a constant cross-section having three or more equal sides (basis is for example on page 9, line 14, and page 14, lines 15-16, of the specification as filed);
 - (4) the support members are substantially identical to each other (basis is for example in the drawings of the application as filed); and
 - (5) the limitation of previously presented claim 25.
- New Claims 29-33 are dependent on claim 28, and basis for them is for example at the following points in the application is filed.
 - Claim 29 (substantially identical wall members) Figures 44-46 (now Figures 1-3)
 - Claim 30 (each wall member is a substantially rectangular parallelepiped having a top surface comprising one channel of each pair of channels) page 5, lines 6-7 and Figures 44-46 (now Figures 1-3).
 - Claim 31 (3 -8 pairs of open channels) page 9, lines 7-9
 - Claim 32 (the cross-section of each of the support members is a square with a side of length, h, of 0.5 to 1.5 inch) Page 15, lines 1-3
 - Claim 33 the limitation of previously presented claim 24.

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New claim 34 is an independent claim which repeats the wording of claim 28 and also includes the limitations of claims 29-33. Claim 35 is dependent on claim 34 and contains the limitation of previously presented claim 24.

5 Conclusion

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It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If, however, there are any outstanding issues that could usefully be discussed by telephone, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned.

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